

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Bullying is one action that can happen to children and adults. Bullying occurs in two ways, verbally or physically. Bullying is done to victims who the perpetrator things are weak and disturbs her or him repeatedly. Bullying occurs because of the disproportion between perpetrator and victims. The perpetrator feels she or he is more substantial and dominated by the other. We cannot find that there is bullying before we know what the conflict is. One of the negative attitudes that be perceived by the victim is seniority. Seniority occurs in several places, such as school and office. Usually, the victim chooses to silence if they experienced bullying. As an excerpt from www.okezone.com, there are several cases, about six cases where bullying occurs, and the victims lost their lives. According to www.cnnindonesia.com, there are several cases of bullying in the education world. UNICEF mentioned several bullying issues that occur in schools. More than half of the students aged 13-15 years old, an equal amount to 150 million teenagers globally, had experienced bullying action. On average, 50% of children and teenagers in every country had experienced bullying action. Bullying in school has as significant effect on the victims. Whether the perpetrators or victims and both indicated, people with bullies could kill themselves or be suicide instead of people who were not bullied. The differences between race, ethnicity, and gender are the reasons for bullying, and the perpetrator and victim at the highest risk of committing suicide (Hepburn and Miller, 2012). UNICEF reported that around 720 children got physical punishment in the educational world and did not get the protection. The negative effect of bullying action makes the victim feel hurtful, both in the short term or long term. The victim will experience depression, a mental disorder, or anxiety if they get a terrible school or the other places they usually go. Also, on bad

influences, the bullying victims can commit a suicidal action because they thought their life is no more meaningful.

According to Olweus, bullying is an everlasting issue. Bullying is not an old school problem. People who have been bullied will form self-defence. There are two types of bullying, direct and indirect bullying. Direct bullying can be verbal bullying, such as mocking, ridiculing, threatening, and ribbing. On the opposite indirect bullying, even though it is not visible, indirect bullying is also very painful. Relational is the other name of indirect bullying. Some adult victims consider that bullying experiences make the victim had a lesson. Therefore the children who get bullying action become strong individually; however, the adverse effects are the opposite.

Bullying can be prevented by the role of peer friends and their parents. Friends are significant at school, and parents' roles can help bullying victims not feel alone (Lickona, 2007).

Many public figures in the world are concerned about bullying, such as Lady Gaga, who has been a victim while young. Many authors have written about bullying issues in their books, such as *By the Time You Read This, I'll Be Dead* by Julie Anne Peters, *Unfriend You* by DyahRinni, *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Yaqui Delgado to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Medina, *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli and also *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher.

Jay Asher is an American author. He has published four novels; one of them is the graphic novel. *Thirteen Reasons Why* is the debut novel by Jay Asher in 2007. This novel was the #1 New York Times and sold over 3 million book copies in the U. S. and made the novel an international bestseller. The second novel is *The Future of Us* with the co-writer Printz Honor and Carolyn Mackler. He also the author of *What Light* it becomes a New York Times bestselling novel. *Piper*, the graphic novel, a debut by Jay with co-writer Jessica Freeburg and illustrator Jeff Stoke. All of his stories had been translated into many languages. Jay Asher's concern about bullying is written in one of his novels entitled *Thirteen Reasons Why*.

In this paper, the author wants to elaborate on the effect of bullying, especially on Hannah Baker in Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reason Why* novel.

The story begins with Clay Jensen, who found a shoebox in front of the door after home school. The package addresses to him written as a goal with a no-return address. He tried to open the box with a twist plaster brown with scissors. After opening it, there are seven audiotapes with each side of the tape, but there are only numbers thirteen on one side in the video to seven. He was trying to play the recordings first on his father's old radio. Clay aware if the tapes contain Hannah Baker's story, his friend dead caused by suicide. Clay starts with listening to individual tapes by following Hannah's direction. He can choose to fit it or pass it. He began to play one audiotape following the number written with blue nail polish on it. Clay starts to listen to the tapes one by one and knows all the people who led Hannah's death. On the first tape, Clay listensto Hannah telling about Justin Foley, her first love, and her kiss. But all changed since Justin spreading rumours if she is a bitch. Second, Hannah mentioned Alex Standall, her best friend. He put Hannah's name as the "Best Ass in the Freshman Class," where it all makes Hannah feel harassed by classmates.

The third is Jessica Davis, Hannah's best friend, alongside Alex. The three of them are best friends with Alex and Jessica's relationship as a couple, but after that, Jessica claims that her relationship with Alex ended because of Hannah. Fourth, Tyler Down mentioned, he stalked Hannah and took a picture of her without permission from outside her room's window. Fifth, Courtney Crimson told everyone that she found out about sex toys and spread the news to all school students. Sixth, Marcus Cooley is mentioned right after Courtney, and he is a liar. Marcus only used Hannah for his purposes when they were close and did a sexual assault on a date.

Seventh, there is Zach Dempsey; he steals the letter Hannah wrote and ignored her. Eighth, Ryan Shaver published Hannah's poetry with no permission and made her get a negative comment from her classroom. Ninth, Clay Jensen is finally mentioned. He, not one of the reasons, but Hannah

wants Clay to know what she feels. Tenth, Justin Foley has discussed again. For another reason, Hannah said that he and her blame what happened with Jessica at the party when Jessica is unconscious; Bryce Walker is raping her. They know but keep silent. Eleventh, Jenny Kurtz broke the sign stop and never report it and make a car accident. Then there is Bryce Walker, who raped Hannah at Courtney's Party. In the last one, Mr Porter, a school counsellor who Hannah believes, can heal her pain when she tells him about her problem, bullying, betrayal, and committing to suicide but does not genuinely listen to it and ask Hannah to move on.

Thirteen Reasons Why novel is getting various responses from the readers. According to Goodreads, this novel got 3.95 / 5 rates with 708.820 ratings to various positive and negative responses. According to the Google Play Book rating, *Thirteen Reasons Why* got a comment or reviewed diverse with obtaining 4.3 / 5 of 9.331 reviewers. This novel's adaptation into a web serial television drama on Netflix, IMDb gave 7.8 / 10 but rotten tomato only 38%. *Thirteen Reasons Why* is adapted into a television series in 2017 on Netflix. In the first season, *13 Reasons Why* is divided into Thirteen episodes. In the year after that, Netflix develops the story with produced season two with Thirteen episodes, and in the year 2019, the third season where the mystery of death Bryce Walker formed the core of the story, different in-season first and second still with the central mystery of the cause of suicides Hannah Baker.

Thirteen Reasons Why was published in 2007. *Thirteen Reasons Why* is a novel about bullying and betrayal. This novel has been received awards as follows, California Book Award silver medal – Young Adult (2008), Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults YALSA (2008), Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers YALSA (2008), Best Book for Young Adult YALSA (2008), Writing Conference's Literature Festival (2009), International Reading Association Young Adults' Choice list (2009), South Carolina Young Adult Book (2010), Abraham Lincoln (2013).

Even though this novel gets some pros and contra, but this novel is fascinating. When the series aired, this novel becomes booming. The exciting

issue, plot, and style of this novel managed to steal the readers' attention. Also, bullying and betrayal are the central issues of this novel. There are two main characters: Hannah Baker and Clay Jensen, who became the narrators of this story. The additional characters who complete the plot story can make the story develop the main issue. The language which the author use is easy to understand. The plot of this novel is unique because of the groove back and forth action. This novel's audiotape use is very out of date, but it is the story's point.

Although many no issue with *Thirteen Reasons Why* novel still a bit of lifting *Thirteen Reasons Why* book into their studies' object. In the presence of this study, researchers want to fill the gap with examines the effects of bullying on Hannah Baker.

As the result of the paper above, the writer wants to expand the research entitled **THE EFFECTS OF BULLYING ON HANNAH BAKER REFLECTED ON JAY ASHER'S *THIRTEEN REASONS WHY* NOVEL (2007): A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.**

B. Problem Statement

This research is focused on the effect of bullying, and the research question as follows:

1. What is the indicator of bullying on Hannah Baker?
2. How is the bullying on Hannah Baker depicted on *Thirteen Reasons Why*?
3. Why did Jay Asher address bullying in *Thirteen Reasons Why* novel?

C. The Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statements above, the object of The Effects of Bullying on Hannah Baker Reflected on Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reasons Why* Novel (2007): A Sociological Perspective as follows:

1. To explain the indicators of bullying happened, Hannah Baker.
2. To depict the bullying of Hannah Baker on Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reasons Why*?

3. To interpret the reasons for Jay Asher to choose bullying on *Thirteen Reasons Why* novel.

D. The Benefit of the Study

In this paper, the researcher hopes can give benefits, as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The researcher expected that this study could be a reference to another research that use the *Thirteen Reasons Why* novel by Jay Asher as a material object and

2. Practical Benefit

By applying the sociological perspective, the researcher studies the *Thirteen Reasons Why* novel by Jay Asher and the researcher on bullying.

E. Paper Organization

The researcher arranges this research into five chapters and subchapters. First, in chapter one, the introduction consists of a background of the study, the study's problem, the study's objective, and the benefits of the study and paper organisation. Second, chapter two is a literature review that consists of two subchapters. The first subchapter contains previous studies that explain some similar research of this study. The second subchapter is the underlying theory, which consists of the sociology of literature, types of literature, Notion of Bullying, Type of Bullying, Cause of Bullying, and Effects of Bullying. Third, chapter three is a research method consisting of type of study, object of the study, type of the data and data source, data collection technique, and data analysis technique. Fourth, chapter four is finding and discussion. This chapter consists of four subchapters that are indicators of bullying; bullying is reflected in literary work, the author's concern in environmental issues, and discussion. In the last chapter are the conclusion and suggestion. This chapter consists of three sub-chapters, namely, conclusion, suggestion, and the pedagogical implication.